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NAVFAC Proudly Building on 170-Year Navy Heritage

Jacksonville, Fla. – On August 31, the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) celebrated 170 years of naval history.

The 13th Secretary of the Navy, Abel P. Upshur, officially established NAVFAC's predecessor, the Bureau of Naval Yards and Docks in 1842, to execute the design, construction and maintenance of Navy yards and a few other shore stations around the eastern seaboard of the United States. Eventually the Bureau and its responsibilities would grow into the global enterprise known as NAVFAC, which was officially established in May 1966.

"Our team of Civil Engineer Corps officers, civilian personnel and Seabees are testament to the remarkable contributions of those who have given their all to this organization in the past 170 years," said Capt. Christopher Kiwus, NAVFAC Southeast Commanding Officer. "I could not be more proud of what our NAVFAC team is doing for our Supported Commanders and the Sailors and Marines who live on the installations we support, along with their families."

NAVFAC is the naval systems command that delivers and maintains high-quality, sustainable facilities, acquires and manages capabilities for the Navy's expeditionary combat forces, enables energy security and environmental stewardship, and provides humanitarian and contingency engineering response.

NAVFAC's signature is visible on every Navy and Marine Corps installation around the globe. Nearly every pier, runway, building, gymnasium, barracks, road, utility plant, and other facilities on shore has been constructed or acquired by NAVFAC.

NAVFAC Southeast employs 1,800 people at 22 installations throughout the southeastern United States and Cuba and delivers and maintains high-quality, sustainable facilities, enables energy security and environmental stewardship, and provides humanitarian and contingency engineering response.

In fiscal year 2011, NAVFAC Southeast delivered more than \$1.3 billion in products and services to supported Navy and Marine Corps commanders, as well as other federal agencies. The command's regional team of planning, construction, facilities services, environmental and acquisition subject matter experts executed approximately 5,700 separate contract actions during the year.

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NAVFAC Southeast's Public Works Departments answered more than 40,000 in-house service calls in a demanding 24/7 environment. With half of the NAVFAC Southeast bases on a base operating service contract answering over 60,000 service calls. This critical work is a vital enabler for what takes place daily on bases around the world.

NAVFAC experts provide engineering reach-back support to war fighters as well as response and recovery support for disasters like the 2011 Japanese earthquake and tsunami, the 2010 Haiti earthquake, and Hurricanes Katrina and Gustav.

Last week, in response to Hurricane Isaac, NAVFAC Southeast sent a Contingency Engineering Response Team (CERT) composed of 15 military and civilian personnel to Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport and Naval Air Station-Joint Reserve Base New Orleans.

Delivering sustainable and cost-effective solutions is increasingly important in the austere fiscal environment our nation is facing. Last year in support of the Secretary of the Navy's ambitious goals to achieve energy security and efficiency, NAVFAC helped Supported Commanders reduce energy consumption by 15 percent from a 2003 baseline. In addition, NAVFAC's contributions to the Navy's shore energy program during the last 10 years has resulted in the Navy being awarded 24 percent of all Presidential and 29 percent of all federal energy awards.

NAVFAC also provides Supported Commanders with environmental expertise, such as installation restoration, environmental compliance, and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) planning and coordination.

In 2011, NAVFAC exceeded all government-wide program goals and targets, with over 55 percent of the total dollars awarded and more than 25,000 contracts going to small businesses. NAVFAC Southeast's small business program was the only one in NAVFAC to achieve every individual program goal.

Consequently, the Navy's Office of Small Business Programs awarded the Secretary's Cup award to NAVFAC for promoting acquisition opportunities for small businesses during a ceremony held at the Pentagon June 15.

NAVFAC has a proud history of delivering excellent products and services for supported commands since 1842. Building on 170 years of experience, NAVFAC continues to manage the planning, design, construction, contingency engineering, real estate, environmental and public works support for U.S. Navy shore facilities all over the world.

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